AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE TITLE OF THE INVENTION:

Please amend the title as it appears on the first page of the specification and in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's records, as follows:

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--SAFE SHUTDOWN DEVICE FOR AN UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY (UPS) SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SAFELY SHUTTING DOWN A UPS SYSTEM--

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph after the paragraph ending on page 3, line 3:



--Further scope of the applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.--

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 5, in its entirety.

Please add the following paragraph after the heading beginning on page 3, line 4:

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--The present invention will become more fully understood from the detailed description given hereinbelow and the accompanying drawings which are given by way of illustration only, and thus are not limitative of the present invention, and wherein:--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 17, as follows:

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--As also shown in FIG. 2, a safe shutdown device 6 of the invention includes a switch module 61, a counting module 62, and a shutdown module 63. The shutdown module 61 generates a shutdown signal and outputs it to the CPU 15. After being processed by the CPU 15, the shutdown signal is converted by the I/O control unit 16 into a first shutdown signal and output to the external equipment so as to shut down the external equipment. In the current embodiment, the shutdown_switch_module 61 is an ON/OFF switch device, which has a switch button 611 installed on the UPS 1 (FIG. 3). When the user presses the switch button 611, an OFF signal is generated. Of course, the switch module 61 can be a liquid crystal

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display touch-control switch device (not shown in the drawings) or a remote controlled signal receiver.--

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--To conclude, since the safe shutdown device of the equipment connecting to the UPS can generate an OFF signal in the shutdown module 61—63 and will turn itself off after a predetermined time (after the external equipment is totally shut down), therefore the invention can swiftly and safely turn off all equipment connected to the UPS and finally itself in a simple way. In other words, taking FIG. 3 as an example, the user needs only to press the switch button 611 of the ON/OFF switch device in order to turn off the main control computing device 2 and the computers 3, 4. Afterwards, the UPS 1 immediately turns itself off.--